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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 29: DISASTER
RELIEF COORDINATION

REF: (A) GENEVA 11665; B) GENEVA 10982

1. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY THE
NETHERLANDS, AFGHANISTAN, GUATEMALA, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA,
SWEDEN, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, ETHIOPIA,
NORWAY AND TUNISIA WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS IN THE THIRD
COMMITTEE ON JULY 25, 1978:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2816 (XXVI) OF 14
DECEMBER 1971, 3243 (XXIX) OF 29 NOVEMBER 1974, 3440 (XXX)
OF 9 DECEMBER 1975, 31/173 OF 21 DECEMBER 1976 AND 32/56
OF 8 DECEMBER 1977 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2102 (LXIII) OF
3 AUGUST 1977,

MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO ENSURE A SOUND AND ENDURING FINANCIAL
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BASIS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER
RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE CORE PROGRAMME AND THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF
QUALIFIED STAFF,

AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
AND PREVENTION IN DISASTER-PRONE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

THROUGH TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION,

REAFFIRMING THE CO-ORDINATING ROLE OF THE OFFICE AS THE
FOCAL POINT FOR DISASTER RELIEF MATTERS IN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE CO-ORDINATOR HAS CONCLUDED
CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS,

RECALLING THE CONCERN ALREADY EXPRESSED IN THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE COUNCIL THAT GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS
INVOLVED IN RELIEF OPERATIONS SHOULD IMPLEMENT MEASURES
FOR REMOVING OBSTACLES AND EXPEDITING INTERNATIONAL
RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR (A/33/82)
AND THE ORAL STATEMENTS MADE BY THE CO-ORDINATOR TO THE
COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978,

1. COMMENDS THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
CO-ORDINATOR FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE
VICTIMS OF DISASTERS;

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OGNIZES THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF
TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND PRE-
VENTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES OF THE
COUNTRIES CONCERNED, MAKING USE OF UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING
AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR AS AN EXECUTING
AGENCY;

3. INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE FOR THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE THE CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION BY CON-
TRIBUTING TO THE SUB-ACCOUNT FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE CREATED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3440
(XXX), OR, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DIS-
ASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR OR BILATERALLY, TO PROJECTS DEVEL-
OPED BY DISASTER-RPONE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY OR
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT OFFICE;

4. REQUESTS THE COORDINATOR TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO
CONCLUDE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE
ORGANIZATIONS;

5. CALLS AGAIN UPON GOVERNMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGEN-
CIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH RE-
LIEF OPERATIONS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE
LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATIONAL MEASURES TO RE-
MOVE OBSTACLES AND EXPEDITE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE
TO THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS;

6. TRANSMITS THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RE-
LIEF COORDINATOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-
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